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Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

ATTN: Board Members and Executives

RE: Support of Station at Leimert Park/Vernon and below grade at Park Mesa Heights

This letter is to express my strong support for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' motion regarding the Crenshaw/LAX Transit corridor project. The board's consideration for this proposal will ultimately have an important effect on one of the most historic and underserved regions of Los Angeles.

It is my understanding that a decision will be made on building a Leimert Park/Vernon station as well as placing the Crenshaw/LAX rail line below grade in the Park Mesa Heights area. These projects would truly benefit families in the communities of my district, including; View Park, Leimert Park, Park Mesa Heights and the Crenshaw district. The inclusion of these two elements would provide pedestrian safety, decrease traffic congestion, improve travel time and increase ridership of the community and throughout South Los Angeles.

Furthermore, this proposal has broad-base support. I have met and have heard from numerous residents, groups and organizations (from educational, faith-based, non-profit and other types of businesses) about their desire to live, work, and play in a city where their transportation needs are being met.

It is my hope that consensus can be met to bring a Metro station to the region and a rail line below grade segment. I believe this would benefit many residents of Greater Los Angeles and address much of the local community's desire.

Sincerely,



Curren D. Price, Jr.
Senator, 26th District